

# Vessel Stranding Stabilization Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Have ship's personnel report to emergency stations              | <input type="checkbox"/> Forecast for change in w/s conditions                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure watertight closures                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature of the seafloor, shoreline                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notify Coast Guard, vessel's operations controller and EMD      | <input type="checkbox"/> Depth of water around ship  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request salvage assistance                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground reaction   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Note course and speed at time of stranding                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to hull  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain and provide if necessary, an accurate cargo stowage plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prospect of maintaining communications                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the following:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground reaction   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety of personnel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Likely draft/trim   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather and sea conditions                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential for discharge of pollutants                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to shafting, screws, and Rudder                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Position of vital and cargo systems' Valves                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk of further damage  | <input type="checkbox"/> The liquid level of all tankage (i.e. fuel, ballast, cargo, etc.) |

## The vessel's master SHOULD:

Determine the vessel's condition

Take action to stabilize the ship

## The vessel's master should NOT:

Jettison weight in an attempt to lighten ship prior to an attempt to back the vessel off

Attempt to back the vessel off when the bottom is torn open

Fail to take action to stabilize the ship and to determine its condition